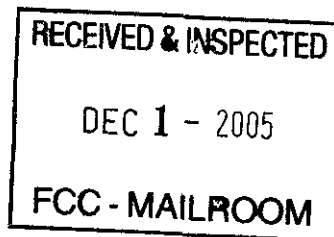




Gulfport School District

Board of Trustees & Office of the Superintendent

November 3, 2005



FCC
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET NO. 02-6 ORIGINAL

Appellant: Terri Burnham
Applicant: Gulfport School District
Billed Entity No: 128693
Form 471 Application No: 471092
Funding Request No: 1328128, 1328336

Re: **Docket No. 02-6**
Request for Waiver of Deadline

To Whom It May Concern:

On April 17, 2005, I filed an appeal to the SLD requesting a waiver of deadline (attached) for the above listed Form 471 application. The application was for Funding Year 2005 with the Service Start Date of July 1, 2005 and an end date of June 30, 2006. On August 23, 2005 I received the reply from the SLD referring my case to the FCC.

However, on August 29, just 6 days after I received the reply our building and everything contained within were totally destroyed by storm surge from Hurricane Katrina (see attached photos). Fortunately, I had taken the FCC Appeal file home with me for the weekend, so I still have a hard copy of the documents I sent to the SLD. While I do intend to file under the special Hurricane Katrina filing window, I wanted to complete the process of the appeal to cover items not covered by the special window. The following is a copy of the synopsis sent to the SLD explaining the reasons for which I am requesting a waiver:

The purpose of this letter of Appeal is to petition for a Request for Waiver of Deadline with reference to the date of postmark. In the letter I received from the SLD dated April 8, 2005, it was cited that my *Form 471 Certification* was postmarked on 2/19/2005 which is AFTER the 2005-2006 filing window. To that observation, I would like to make the following appeal:

1. The SLD made no error in their observation of the date of the postmark. I did file my Certification after the filing window closed. In fact, I filed it *First Class Certified Return Receipt Requested* on Saturday, 2/19/2005 at 10:17:24 a.m. (see Attachment 1, Receipt from Post Office). My reasons, then for asking that you consider my Request for Waiver is based on several factors. Below, I have listed in chronological order the events of the final week of the filing window.
2. 2/14/2005 – At 5:00 p.m. at the first regular Board of Education meeting in February, the Board of the Gulfport School District approved and certified *that the budget for the applicable funding year (2005-2006) will provide sufficient funding to purchase all resources that are necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested and pay the non-discount portion of the charges for eligible services.*" (see Attachment 2, Board Meeting minutes, Page 6, Item IV.M)

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3. 2/15/2005- 2/16/2005 – Following approval by the Board, I spent Tuesday and Wednesday working on the online Form 471 and compiling my Item 21 attachments. Wednesday at 1:13 p.m., I received a quote and signature page from Blake Swanson at Bell South, Inc. (SPIN #143004824 for our T-1 lines. (see Attachment 3, Certification & Item 21 Attachments mailed to SLD on 2/19/2005, Page 6).

4. 2/17/2005 – At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, a colleague from a neighboring school district (Karen McManus, Long Beach School District) agreed to review my attachments to ascertain their accuracy and clarity (Attachment 4, Calendar). That afternoon, I made the edits recommended by Ms. McManus to pages 7, 8, and 9 of Attachment 3 and printed all the forms. Late Thursday afternoon, 2/17/2005, I signed the Certification page (Attachment 3, Certification & Item 21 Attachments mailed to SLD on 2/19/2005, Page 2) and stapled the Item 21 attachments to it. I then gave the packet to my secretary so she could fill out the postal forms for *First Class Certified Return Receipt Requested*. She was not feeling well that afternoon, so I told her that we could mail them Friday, 2/18/2005.

5. 2/18/2005 – Friday morning my secretary Hope Redmond called in sick (Attachment 5a, Employee Leave Form). This is where I made the oversight. That day she and the Senior Network Engineer were both out of the office (Attachment 5b, Employee Leave Form) so it was unusually hectic. At the time, Ms Redmond and I occupied separate offices, and I failed to remember that the forms were in her office waiting to be mailed. At the end of the workday around 5:15 p.m. as I was locking up, I noticed the forms were in her office and picked them up so I could mail them Saturday morning.

6. Although not an excuse, but certainly contributing to my lack of focus was my emotional and physical exhaustion during the final week of the filing window. The last of January, my 86-year old grandmother had to be taken to the hospital suffering from a mild heart attack, pneumonia, and a bladder infection. After taking her home from the hospital on February 11 (Attachment 6, Patient Discharge Instruction Sheet), I began sleeping on her couch in order to care for her. Her daily care included picking up prescriptions, sorting and administering medications, watching for adverse reactions, lifting her, changing her diapers, arranging doctor visits, cooking and tracking her liquid and solid intake, and caring for her dog (Attachment 7, List of Medications). I realize this may sound like an excuse, but I love my grandmother very much and wanted to do everything in my power to care for her while she was still alive (she died April 29).

7. 2/19/2005 – On Saturday, I was relieved at my grandmother's by an aunt who agreed to care for her so I could go out of town to see my husband who lives and works in another city. That morning at 10:17:24 a.m. on my way to the airport I mailed the envelope containing the Certification and the Item 21 Attachments. (Attachment 1, Receipt from Post Office).

8. I have to be honest; at this point it still had not occurred to me that I was outside the filing window since the Item 21 attachments were being filed in a timely manner. And for that, I have no explanation. I have been filing E-Rate forms since the program's inception and should have remembered that the Certification form DID have a filing deadline even though the Item 21 Attachments did not. I cannot explain my oversight except to say that I was obviously not thinking clearly due to the loss of sleep and added hardship of caring for my grandmother during that period of time.

9. All I can say in my defense is that I did try to make a good faith effort to provide the SLD with an organized, well thought out, and timely packet with a signed Certification page and Item 21

Attachments. In total, the postmark was <10 ½ hours past the deadline. I realize I made a tremendous error by failing to remember to mail the documents on 2/18/2005.

10. I've attached document DA 03-3054, File No. SLD-240961, CC Docket No. 96-45 and 97-21. In that document, Woodburn School District failed to complete a required Form 486 Block 4 certification within the deadline. In paragraph 3 of that document it states that the Commission (FCC) "*may take into account considerations of hardship...on an individual basis.*" In paragraph 4 of that same document, the ruling citing as part of the justification that Woodburn "*made a good faith effort to comply with the deadline.*" Also cited in the ruling is that the Commission "*has authority to waive the deadline with respect to requests that involve only telecommunications services*" and that "*a waiver is appropriate if special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and such deviation would better serve the public interest than strict adherence to the general rule.*" (Attachment 8, FCC DA 03-3054, Pages 1-2).

11. In this case, I hope and pray that whoever reads this letter can understand and agree that *special circumstances* apply. First, my Form 471 Application #471092 requests only discounts for telecommunications services (i.e. telephone service, T-1 lines). My district relies on those discounts to support our network. Second, in light of losses to our city and its tax base from Hurricane Katrina, my district anticipates about a \$4 million shortfall (Attachment 9). The relief we receive through the E-Rate program is even more crucial as we try to replace our entire network infrastructure and Department of Technology Support Services destroyed by Katrina.

In summary, I hope that in light of my recent personal hardship and our current fiscal circumstances, you can determine from the evidence presented that I made a good faith effort to comply with the deadline. Please, I implore whoever reads this request to consider the special circumstances and rule that waiving the deadline would better serve the interest of my district.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Burnham".

Terri Burnham
Director of Technology



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

August 15, 2005

Terri Burnham
Gulfport School District
2010 15th Street
P.O. Box 220
Gulfport, MS 39502-0220

Re: Applicant Name: GULFPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Billed Entity Number: 128693
Form 471 Application Number: 471092
Funding Request Number(s): 1328128, 1328336
Your Correspondence Dated: April 17, 2005

The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) received your request for a waiver of the Form 471 filing deadline for Funding Year 2005 of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the SLD to consider requests for waivers.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your request, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your waiver request to the FCC. If you are submitting your waiver request via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing a waiver request with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Technology Support Services Building



Server Room

Computer Repair Center



Director/Secretary's Offices



Department Vehicles

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Refunds for guaranteed services only.
Thank you for your business.
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**Gulfport School District
School Board Meeting
February 14, 2005
5:00 P.M.**

Prior to the board meeting a reception was held in the conference room to honor teachers who have earned National Board Certification. Mr. East congratulated the teachers for their achievement and presented certificates to Valerie Blum-Bryant - Central Elementary, Judy O'Neal - Bayou View Elementary, Lynn Slade - Bayou View Middle, Amy Streetman - 28th Street Elementary, Natasha Mays - Central Middle, Angela August - 28th Street Elementary, Brandy Shoemaker-Drye - Gulfport High School, Kay Whitworth - Gulfport High School, Lorraine Fontenot - West Elementary, Laura Barrett - Anniston Elementary, Jennifer Cole - Bayou View Elementary, JoAnn Blount - Bayou View Elementary, Lou Roberts - West Elementary, Cynthia Whiten - West Elementary, Sandy Reed - Bayou View Middle, Susan Cooper - Gulfport High School, Margaret Touart - Central Middle, Val Marcy - Gulfport High School.

National Board
Certified
Teachers

The Board of Trustees met in regular session in the Palmer-Dukes Board Room with the following members present: David Mauffray, Nathan Walker, Nancy Holderer, Ruthy Dixon, and Bridget Weatherly. John Harral, Glen East, Dianne Walker, John McCormick and George Triggs were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board President David Mauffray. Upon motion by Mrs. Dixon and second by Mrs. Holderer, the Board voted to approve the agenda after moving Item IV. D. (Student Transfer Requests) from the regular agenda to the consent agenda. Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Walker to approve the consent agenda, Items IV. A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L. and Items V. A., B., C. and D. Mrs. Holderer seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Consent Agenda

For *School Board Member Recognition Week*, school board members were recognized with valentines, a poster, and "sweet treats" presented by students and staff from several district schools. Fifth grade Anniston Elementary Quest students of Ms. Joyce Youngblood presented a "Hall of Presidents" program with the following students representing U.S. presidents. James Edwards - George Washington, Aubrey Gill - John Adams, Kelsey Foster - Abraham Lincoln, Emily Gorman - Theodore Roosevelt, Laura Ladner - William Howard Taft, Imani Lombard - John F. Kennedy, Logan Schultz - Richard Nixon, Tori Anderson - Ronald Reagan, Anna Weaver - George W. Bush. Mr. East presented certificates of appreciation to board members and thanked them for

School Board
Recognition

their dedication to the students of the Gulfport School District. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Mauffray thanked everyone for these special recognitions.

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Claudia Freeman, Pass Road Elementary teacher, who attended the meeting with students who are involved in the *Kids at Work* project. Ms. Freeman introduced her students, De'Asia Parks, William Welch, Brad Cooley, DeQuane Fairley, Tyrell Gholar, JaQuawn Johnson, Wesley Welch, Kendall McCall, Joshawael Warner, Jonathan Wilson, Derrance Smith, Laurence Lewis, and Dominic McClain. Mr. East and Mr. Mauffray thanked the students for the fine job they do in producing district badges.

Kids at Work
Recognition

The Superintendent announced that with approval of the consent agenda, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Janice Wilson to serve as principal of Central Elementary, effective beginning the 2005-2006 school year. He extended a warm welcome to Dr. Wilson who is currently assistant principal at Popp's Ferry Elementary School in Biloxi.

Central
Elementary
Principal Named

Mr. East proudly reported that 27 Gulfport School District strings students were selected to participate in the 2005 Mississippi All-State Orchestra.

All-State
Orchestra

Item IV. A. Approval of Previous Minutes - Dr. Walker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2005 board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Holderer and passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Approve Minutes

Item IV. B. Presentation of Bills - A motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Holderer to pay monthly bills as presented. The following vote was cast and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Monthly Bills

Item IV. C. Travel Requests - The Board, with a motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, voted to approve the following travel requests. The following vote was cast and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Travel Requests

1. Bayou View Elementary and Anniston Elementary, Quest Classes; Baton Rouge, LA; Challenger Learning Center; February 24, 2005
2. Bayou View Elementary, Quest Class; Baton Rouge, LA; Challenger Learning Center; February 28, 2005
3. Gulfport High School, Marine Corps JROTC; Franklinton, LA; Drill Competition; March 5, 2005
4. Gulfport High School, Academy of Hospitality and Tourism and Student Council Members; Orlando, FL; Disney World - Annual Senior Grad Night; April 27 - May 1, 2005

Item IV. D. Student Transfer Requests - Upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, the Board voted to approve the following student transfer requests. Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Student
Transfers

1. Camryn Leigh Donavant from Harrison County
2. Shelby Nicole Donavant from Harrison County
3. Jerry Johnson from Harrison County
4. Erin Swan from Harrison County
5. Jamal Swan from Harrison County

Item IV. E. Permission to Advertise for Bids - Upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, the Board voted to approve permission to advertise for bids for football supplies and equipment for Gulfport High School for the 2005-2006 school year. The following vote was cast and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Permission to
Advertise for
Bids
(Football
Equipment)

Item IV. F. Presentation of Quotations -

Quotations

1. Kettle Drums - District Band Equipment - Dr. Walker made a motion to approve the lowest and best quotation submitted as shown on the attachment for purchase of kettle drums for the Gulfport High School band. The drums will be bought with budgeted district band equipment funds from Mississippi Music for a total cost of \$5,914.00. The motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Holderer, passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.
2. Vehicle (ATV) - District Band - The Board, upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, voted to approve the lowest and best quotation submitted as indicated on the attached tabulation sheet for purchase of a 4 x 4 Bombardier Outlander vehicle from Competition Marine for a total cost of \$4,651.00. The vehicle will be used to pull the marching band pit at sports and other school events and will be bought from district band equipment funds. The following vote was cast, and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Item IV. G. Permission to Purchase from State Contract - The Board, upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, voted to approve the purchase of one (1) circulation desk, two (2) storage cabinets, and one (1) pedestal desk for Gaston Point Elementary from Gulf Coast Business Supply on State Contract #5-420-04712 for a total of \$4,188.00. These items will be funded from budgeted general funds. The following vote was cast and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

State Contract

Item IV. H. Single Source Purchase - Upon motion by Dr. Walker, the Board voted to approve purchase of the reading program, *My Reading Coach Gold Professional Edition*, as single source for a total of \$73,500 because the software is available only from Mindplay Development Publishing. The software will be used as a reading lab at Central Middle School for students reading two or more grade levels below their grade placement and will be purchased from budgeted special education IDEA Part B funds. Mrs. Holderer seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Single Source

Item IV. I. Accept Donated Equipment - Dr. Walker made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer to accept the following donated items as shown on attachments. The motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Holderer, passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Accept Donated
Equipment

1. Four (4) Weightlifting Mats - Donated to Gulfport High School powerlifting team by Conway and Martin, Attorneys at Law; total approximate value - \$150.00
2. Thirty (30) Computer Systems - Donated to 28th Street Elementary by Lockheed Martin Stennis Space Center
3. One (1) DVD Player - Donated to West Elementary library by the PTO; total value - \$75.00
4. One (1) Electric Range - Donated to Gaston Point Elementary by Ms. Rose Tournillon; valued at \$250.00

Item IV. J. Establish Petty Cash Fund - The Board, on motion by Dr. Walker, voted to approve establishment of petty cash funds for the following schools. Mrs. Holderer seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Establish
Petty Cash Funds

1. Central Elementary - \$500.00
2. Gaston Point Elementary - \$200.00
3. The Learning Center - \$300.00

Item IV. K. Inventory Deletions - Dr. Walker made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer to delete inventory items as presented on the attachment. The motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Holderer, passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Inventory
Deletions

Item IV. L. Revision of Policies -

Policy Revisions

Upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, the Board voted to

approve revisions to the following policies as shown on the attachments. The following vote was cast, and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

1. CGM - Certified Administrative Personnel Non-Renewal
2. CBP - Certified Administrative Personnel Re-employment; and GBP - Professional Certified Personnel Re-employment, Non-Administrative
3. GBKA/CGL - Certified Personnel Lay-Off/Reduction-in-Force
4. EEA - Child Nutrition - Free and Reduced Price
5. JCDAC - Random Drug-Testing

Item V. A. Family/Medical Leave - Motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Holderer to approve the request of Lucinda A. Gibson, Special Education Department, to invoke the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. The motion passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Family/Medical
Leave

Item V. B. Retirements/Resignations - The Board, with a motion by Dr. Walker, voted to accept the retirement/resignation requests of the following employees. Mrs. Holderer seconded the motion which passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Retirements
Resignations

RETIREMENTS:

1. Charlotte Johnson, Special Education Department
2. Mary Penn, Central Elementary

RESIGNATIONS:

1. Scott Haney, Pass Road Elementary
2. Rebecca Missiledine, Bayou View Elementary
4. Marion McAuley Vincent, Anniston Elementary

Item V. C. Recommendations -

Recommendations

Certified Personnel, Temporary - Dr. Walker moved to approve temporary employment of the following certified personnel pending receipt of final documentation. Mrs. Holderer seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

1. Lisa Beasley, Gaston Point Elementary
2. Jennifer Fox, Gulfport Central Middle School

Classified Personnel, Temporary - A motion was made by Dr. Walker to approve temporary employment of the following classified personnel pending receipt of final documentation. The motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Holderer, passed by the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

1. Jean E. Brooks Jones, Bayou View Elementary
2. Gary Moore, Gulfport Central Middle School
3. Carol Smith; Nurse, Anniston Elementary
4. Douglas Paul Wolverton; P.E. Assistant, Bayou View Elementary

Recommendation - Principal, Central Elementary - Upon motion by Dr. Walker and second by Mrs. Holderer, the Board voted to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to name Dr. Janice Wilson as principal for Central Elementary effective the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. The following vote was cast, and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Principal
Recommendation

Item IV. M.

Item IV. M. E-Rate Pre-Discount Commitment - Mrs. Burnham informed the Board that for the first time, as part of the application for E-Rate rebates and discounts for eligible services and goods, the Board's approval is required to certify that the budget for the applicable funding year (2005-06) will provide sufficient funding to purchase all the resources that are necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested and pay the non-discount portion of the charges for eligible services. Estimated costs are shown on the attachment. Mrs. Dixon made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Weatherly, to approve verification that the Gulfport School District budget for 2005-2006 will provide sufficient funding as outlined above and shown on the attachment. The following vote was cast, and the motion carried: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

E-Rate
Commitment

Item IV. N. Presentation of Proposed 2005-2006 School Calendar - The Board, with a motion by Mrs. Holderer and second by Dr. Walker, voted to approve the proposed 2005-06 calendar as shown on the attachment. Mr. East thanked Ronnie Barnes and the members of the calendar committee for their time and effort in developing the calendar. The motion passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Calendar
2005-2006

Item IV. O.

Item IV. O. Discussion of Reduction-in-Force - The Superintendent reported that he and district staff are working on putting into place opportunities to enact a reduction-in-force and/or reorganization for the 2005-2006 school year, if necessary, to meet the budget shortfall. Dr. Walker requested that the Board be kept informed of proposed reductions and the consequences those reductions

Reduction in
Force

would have. Mrs. Weatherly made a motion to approve a reduction-in-force, as appropriate, under Gulfport School District policy GBKA/CGL. The motion, which was seconded by Dr. Walker, passed by the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None.

Dianne Walker presented the following comparison of Fall SATP scores.

SATP Scores

Test	% Passed - 2003	% Passed - 2004
Algebra I	95.8%	98.1%
Biology	98.8%	97.8%
US History	98.7%	98.4%
English II	94.3%	94.1%
English II Writing	80.7%	Informative 82.0%
		Narrative 92.1%

Ms. Walker remarked that the scores are encouraging, and Mr. East commended the teachers for the excellent job they do in keeping the scores high.

Mr. East thanked Amanda Breckenridge and Dianne Cole for doing an outstanding job in organizing the reception for National Board Certified teachers and preparing the "goody bags" for students who were present at the board meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Walker to enter executive session to determine whether there was a need for executive session. The motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Holderer, passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None

Executive
Session

During executive session it was determined that there was a need to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Upon motion by Mrs. Holderer and second by Mrs. Dixon, the Board voted to rise from executive session. Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None

Mr. Mauffray announced in open session that the Board had determined that there was a need to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Mrs. Dixon made a motion to enter executive session for discussion of a legal issue. The motion, which was seconded by Dr. Walker, passed with the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None

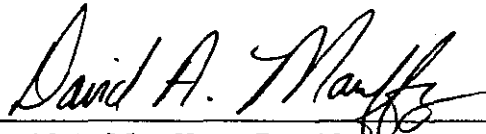
In executive session the Board discussed a legal matter and took no action.

Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherly to rise from executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Holderer and passed as follows: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None

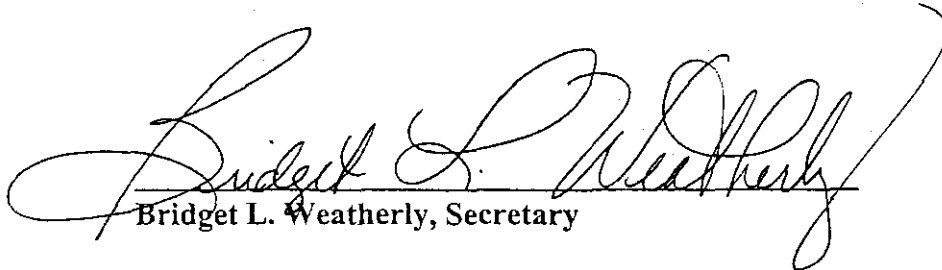
In open session Mr. Mauffray reported that during executive session the Board discussed a legal matter and no action was taken.

There being no further business, Mrs. Holderer moved to adjourn. Mrs. Dixon seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote: Voting Aye: Mauffray, Walker, Holderer, Dixon, Weatherly; Voting Nay: None; Absent and Not Voting: None

Adjourn



David A. Mauffray, President



Bridget L. Weatherly, Secretary

Entity Number 128693Applicant's Form Identifier YR8TELECOMContact Person TERRI BURNHAMPhone Number 228 865-4671**Block 6: Certifications and Signature**

- 24 ☒ I certify that the entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (Check one or both.)
- a ☒ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools, including, but not limited to, elementary, secondary schools, colleges, or universities.
- 25 ☒ I certify that the entity I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that the entities I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access to all of the resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year. I certify that the Billed Entity will pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the goods and services to the service provider(s).

a	Total funding year pre-discount amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 23I on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	1 3 2 6 8 0 . 4 0
b	Total funding commitment request amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 23K on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	1 0 6 1 4 4 . 3 2
c	Total applicant non-discount share (Subtract Item 25b from Item 25a.)	2 6 5 3 6 . 0 8
d	Total budgeted amount allocated to resources not eligible for E-rate support	4 5 0 0 0 0 . 0 0
e	Total amount necessary for the applicant to pay the non-discount share of the services requested on this application AND to secure access to the resources necessary to make effective use of the discounts. (Add Items 25c and 25d.)	4 7 6 5 3 6 . 0 8
f	Check this box if you are receiving any of the funds in Item 25e directly from a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year, or if a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year assisted you in locating funds in Item 25e.	

- 26 ☒ I certify that all of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by technology plans that are written, that cover all 12 months of the funding year, and that have been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, and an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plans were written at the following level(s):
- a an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
- b ☒ higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
- c no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.
- 27 ☒ I certify that I posted my Form 470 and (if applicable) made my RFP available for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected, with price being the primary factor considered, and is the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology plan goals.
- 28 ☒ I certify that the entity responsible for selecting the service provider(s) has reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that the entity or entities listed on this application have complied with them.
- 29 ☒ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500(k). Additionally, I certify that the Billed Entity has not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment requested under this form, from the service provider(s), or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
- 30 ☒ I certify that I and the entity(ies) I represent have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. There are signed contracts covering all of the services listed on this Form 471 except for those services provided under non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month arrangements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.



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Entity Number 128693

Applicant's Form Identifier YR8TELECOM

Contact Person TERRI BURNHAM

Phone Number 228 865-4671

- 31 ☒ I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32 ☒ I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- 33 ☒ I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this request, that all of the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that are receiving discounts pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 34 ☒ I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities listed on this application, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities listed on this application, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.
- 35 ☒ I certify that if any of the Funding Requests on this Form 471 are for discounts for products or services that contain both eligible and ineligible components, that I have allocated the cost of the contract to eligible and ineligible components as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.504(g)(1), (2).
- 36 ☒ I certify that this funding request does not constitute a request for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.505(c).
- 37 ☒ I certify that the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. The pre-discount costs of eligible services featured on this Form 471 are net of any rebates or discounts offered by the service provider. I acknowledge that, for the purpose of this rule, the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

38 Signature of authorized person

Terri Burnham

39 Date

02/17/2005

40 Printed name of authorized person

T E R R I B U R N H A M

41 Title or position of authorized person

D I R E C T O R O F T E C H N O L O G Y

42a Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number

1 5 2 5 T H O R N T O N A V E N U E

City

G U L F P O R T

State Zip Code

M S 3 9 5 0 1

42b Telephone number of authorized person

Ext

2 2 8 8 6 5 4 6 7 1

42c Fax number of authorized person

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42d E-mail address of authorized person

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Entity Number 128693 Applicant's Form Identifier YR8TELECOM

Contact Person TERRI BURNHAM Phone Number 228 865-4671

41 Name of authorized person's employer

G U L F P O R T S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Rehabilitation Act may impose obligations on entities to make the services purchased with these discounts accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

NOTICE: Section 54.504 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations and orders, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law, information provided in or submitted with this form or in response to subsequent inquiries may be disclosed to the public.

If you owe a past due debt to the Federal government, the information you provide may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC may delay processing of your application or may return your application without action.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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Please submit this form to:

SLD-Form 471
P.O. Box 7026
Lawrence, Kansas 66044-7026

For express delivery services or U.S. Postal Service, Return Receipt Requested, mail this form to:

SLD Forms
ATTN: SLD Form 471
3833 Greenway Drive
Lawrence, Kansas 66046
(888) 203-8100



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Attachment Cover Sheet

Form 471 Application #.....471092
Form 470 Application #.....244830000109055
State Master Contract #.....3000-1
Entity #.....128693
Applicant's Form Identifier:.....YR8TELECOM

Contact Person:.....Terri Burnham
Phone Number:.....228-865-4671

Service Description:.....T-1 Lines – Telecommunications Service
Service Provider:.....Bell South
SPIN:.....143004824

Contract Status

- ☐ Tariff or monthly. No contract needed.
☐ Contract signed after Allowable Contract Date
☒ State Master Contract selected after Allowable Contract Date

Documentation Included with Attachment

- ☒ Attachment Cover Sheet T-1 ATTACHMENT #1
☒ Form 471 Pre-Discount Cost Calculation Optional Grid T-1 ATTACHMENT #2
☒ Quote for Projected Costs from Bell South T-1 ATTACHMENT #3
☒ List of Locations, Circuits, Projected Costs T-1 ATTACHMENT #4a. 4b. 4c



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Contact Name Terri Burnham
 Contact Telephone Number (228) 865-4671

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Form 471 Pre-Discount Cost Calculation Optional Grid

Please read instructions before completing

(To be completed by Schools, Libraries, or Consortia)

Block A: General Information

1. Name of Applicant <u>Gulfport School District</u>		2. Universal Service Control Number (from 470 Application) <u>244830000109055</u>	
3a. SLC Service Provider Number (SPIN) if known, and Full Legal Name of your Service Provider <u>143004824 Bell South</u>		3b. Contract or Tariff Number (If Applicable -- from Item 15-16) <u>3000-1</u>	
4. Shared Services: Telecommunications Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Access <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Average Discount Rate for Entities Receiving Services Listed Below in Block B (Per Column 11 of Items 15 or 16) <u>80%</u>	
Site Specific Services: Internal Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Services <input type="checkbox"/>			

Block B: Services Ordered Information

6. Services & Products Ordered Details

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Account Information	Service Description	Quantity	One-Time Charges	One-Time Taxes and Surcharges	Unit Monthly Charges	Unit Monthly Taxes and Surcharges	Number of Months	Annual Amount of Monthly Charges	% Eligible Services and/or % Eligible Uses	% of Service/Product Used w/ Eligible Entities	Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount One-Time Charges	Total Annual Amount of Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount Monthly Charges	Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount Total Charges
Gulfport Schools	T-1 Lines	12	0	0	2718.47	0	12	32,621.64	100	98	0	31,969.20	31,969.20
Gulfport Schools	T-1 Line	1	1,074.00	0	226.53	0	12	2,718.36	100	100	1,074.00	2,718.36	3,792.36
		13	1,074.00		2,945.00	0		35,340.00			1,074.00	34,487.56	35,761.56

This grid is to be used with 471 application to support Block 5, Items 15 & 16 Columns 8-10 and Item 17.

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**Gulfport School District
E-Rate Year 8**

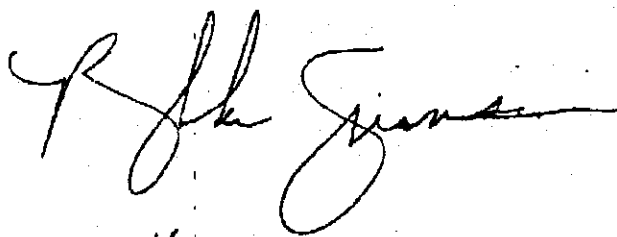
The following information is based on proposed funding for E-rate funding year 8 beginning July 1, 2005. The prices reflected in this document are based on State of Mississippi Master Contract 3000-1.

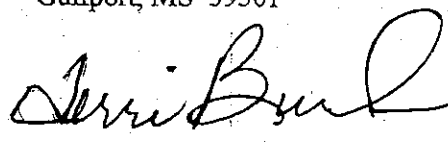
T-1 Lines - 13 Lines \$2,945.00 Monthly
 \$226.53 Per Month Per Line

T-1 Lines New Installation \$1,074.00 One Time Fee

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GULFPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Form 471 Application #.....471092
Form 470 Application #.....244830000109055
State Master Contract #.....3000-1
Entity #.....128693
Data Services SPIN.....143004824 / Bell South Telecommunications, Inc.

The Gulfport School District is in the process of converting from Frame T-1 data lines at \$447.63 per month to Point-to-Point T-1 data lines at \$226.53 per month. Both T-1 line types are covered under State Master Contract 3000-1.

The following 5 lines have already been converted so current charges reflect the \$226.53 per month:

LOCATION	ACCOUNT #	CIRCUIT NUMBER	MONTHLY CHARGE	
BAYOU VIEW MIDDLE 272 43RD ST. GULFPORT,MS	228-M81-4529	70.DHZX.521988 (Converted Feb. 2005)	Current	\$226.53
CENT MIDDLE SCHOOL 1310 42ND AVE. GULFPORT,MS	228-M81-5450	70.DHZX.521991 (Converted Feb. 2005)	Current	\$226.53
GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL 100 PERRY ST. GULFPORT,MS	228-M42-4025	70.DHDG.521646 (Converted Feb. 2005)	Current	\$226.53
STUDENT SERVICES - NE 700 PASS RD. GULFPORT,MS	228-M81-4241	70.DHZX.521986 (Converted Feb. 2005)	Current	\$226.53
CENTRAL ADMIN. OFFICE 37 PASS RD. GULFPORT,MS	228-M23-6357	70.DHDG.520003 (Converted 2004-05)	Current	\$226.53

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The following 7 lines will be converted prior to 06/30/2006. Charges listed in blue (\$447.63) are the current line charges. Charges listed in black (\$226.53) are the projected charges for the funding year beginning 07/01/2006:

LOCATION	ACCOUNT #	CIRCUIT NUMBER	MONTHLY CHARGE	
ANNISTON ELEMENTARY 2314 JONES ST. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M22-5209	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.52052	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
GASTON POINT ELEMENTARY 1501 MILLS RD. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M22-7177	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502226	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
PASS RD. ELEMENTARY 37 PASS RD. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M83-3406	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502050	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
28TH ST. SCHOOL 2810 34TH ST. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M83-9375	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502049	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
LEARNING CENTER 1215 CHURCH ST. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M22-1036	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502228	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY 1043 PASS RD. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M22-3285	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502051	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53
BAYOU VIEW ELEMENTARY 4898 WASHINGTON AVE. GULFPORT,MS	Not yet converted 228-M22-4644	Not yet converted 70.QGDA.502240	Projected Current (\$447.63)	\$226.53

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The district is planning to install an additional line for Gulfport High School for the purpose of handling additional traffic. The projected monthly fee (\$226.53) is listed. The One-Time Installation Fee of (\$1,074.00) is listed in blue. Once this line is added, the number of lines for the funding year beginning 07/01/2006 will be 13:

ADD NEW LINE:

LOCATION	ACCOUNT #	CIRCUIT #	MONTHLY CHARGE	ONE-TIME INSTALLATION
GULFPORT HIGH 100 PERRY ST. GULFPORT, MS	Not yet installed	Not yet installed	Projected \$226.53	\$1,074.00

The following are projected totals for the Gulfport School District for a total of 13 Point-to-Point data lines plus the one-time installation fee for adding the 13th line at Gulfport High School:

PROJECTED MONTHLY TOTAL for YEAR 8 for 13 lines @ \$226.53 per line per month

\$2945.00
X 12 months

PROJECTED ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT TOTAL

\$35,340.00

One Time Installation Fee for Gulfport High School

\$1074.00

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